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International Decade for a Culture of Non-violence and Peace for the Children of the World (2001-2010)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly, in this year of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[1] which sustains the spirit, concept and practice of non-violence, the adoption at its fifty-third session of the following resolution:

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[1] General Assembly resolution 217 A (111).

"International Decade for a Culture of Non-violence and Peace for the Children of the World (2001-2010)

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note with appreciation of the 'Appeal for the children of the world' of Nobel Peace Prize laureates, issued in May 1997, which draws attention of all the States Members of the United Nations to the enormous harm and suffering caused to, and by, children through different forms of violence at every level of our societies throughout the world, and proposes the principles and practice of non-violence as a way of promoting respect for the life and dignity of each human being without prejudice or discrimination of any kind, and especially for the world's children,

"Recalling its resolution 52/15 of 20 November 1997 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/47 of 22 July 1997 in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly at its fifty-second session proclaim the year 2000 as International Year for the Culture of Peace, as well as Assembly resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997 on a culture of peace,

"Recognizing that the appeal by the Nobel Peace Prize laureates to construct a culture of non-violence and peace and simultaneously to teach the practice of non-violence to children in different contexts and continents promotes the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and underscores a priority concern of the world community which requires a persistent and sustainable effort throughout the world at the international, regional, national and local levels to reduce the all-too-evident suffering of children,

"Emphasizing that the promotion of a culture of non-violence and peace that emanates from childhood will contribute to the strengthening of international peace and cooperation for socio-economic and cultural development, enable a more deeply mindful behaviour among children and help them to be aware, not only of their rights but also of their responsibilities, by learning how to live together in harmony, within their families and schools,

"Underlining that the proposed decade will contribute to advancing the implementation of the other objectives, activities and programmes of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations aimed at promoting human rights, education, non-discrimination, volunteers' commitments, protection of the environment and protection of children in especially difficult circumstances as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[2]

"Convinced that an international decade for a culture of non-violence and peace for the children of the world, at the beginning of the new millennium, would give a strong encouragement to the efforts of the international community to foster harmony, peace and development on behalf of the children of the globe,

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[2] General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex.

"Noting with satisfaction that the initiative of the Nobel Peace Prize laureates has been supported by many Governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals of all spiritual traditions, in all regions of the world,

"1. Proclaims that the period 2001-2010 shall constitute the international decade for a culture of non-violence and peace for the children of the world;

"2. Invites the Secretary-General to present a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, prepared in consultation with the Nobel Peace Prize laureates and with all relevant United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations, with respect to finalizing the draft programme of action of the Decade in connection with the implementation of the Decade at local, national, regional and international levels, and to nominate a specific team to coordinate the agenda and mandate of the Decade;

"3. Also invites all Member States to take the necessary steps to ensure that the practice of non-violence, which will focus on the practical meaning and benefits of the practice of non-violence in daily life, is taught at all levels in their respective societies, including in each educational institution, and calls upon the relevant United Nations bodies such as the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, spiritual leaders throughout the world, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, the media, the performing arts and civil societies to actively support the Decade for the benefit of each child of the world without anyone's being left behind;

"4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session an item entitled 'Decade for a Culture of Non-violence and Peace for the Children of the World (2001-2010)'."

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Corrigendum

The above-mentioned document is hereby withdrawn.

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